

CIA 1-02 Taylor, Rufus L.

Mrs. Saltonstall, Leverett

Pers. Stennis, John C.

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NO OPPOSITION TO THE NOMINATION WAS EXPRESSED WHEN TAYLOR OUTLINED HIS BACKGROUND AT A SHORT PUBLIC HEARING. CHAIRMAN RICHARD B. RUSSELL, D-GA., SAID NONE WAS VOICED IN THE CLOSED-DOOR SESSION AT WHICH THE NOMINATION WAS SENT TO THE SENATE FOR ACTION.

RUSSELL ASKED TAYLOR, IN THE PUBLIC SESSION, WHETHER HE FELT THE CONTROVERSIAL CIA WAS INVOLVED IN MAKING U.S. POLICY.

"IN NO WAY, SIR," TAYLOR SAID.

HE SAID HE VIEWED THE BIG SPY AGENCY AS THE AGENCY TO ASSURE "COORDINATION AND VIABILITY" OF ALL GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE WORK. HE AGREED WITH SEN. LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, R-MASS., THAT CIA'S PROVINCE WAS INTELLIGENCE WORK OUTSIDE THE U.S. WHICH COULD NOT BE PERFORMED BY OTHER U.S. AGENCIES.

SEN. JOHN C. STENNIS, D-MISS., ASKED TAYLOR ABOUT THE "PUBLIC RELATIONS STATUS" OF CIA. THE ADMIRAL REPLIED THAT "ANY INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SUFFERS FROM TOO MUCH PUBLICITY...A MAXIMUM DEGREE OF ANONIMITY IS DESIRABLE."

WHEN STENNIS COMMENTED THAT ANY PUBLICITY AT ALL HURTS, TAYLOR AGREED THAT IT IS "MOST UNHELPFUL."

TAYLOR TESTIFIED THAT HE WAS THE "UTMOST REGARD AND ADMIRATION" FOR HELMS AND OTHER KEY OFFICIALS IN CIA WHOM HE HAS COME TO KNOW IN OTHER INTELLIGENCE ASSIGNMENTS. AS A MILITARY OFFICER IN THE CIA POST HE WILL GET HIS ADMIRALS PAY AND ALLOWANCES--SOME \$25,500-- PLUS THE ADDITIONAL TO BRING HIS SALARY UP TO THE JOB'S \$28,500 SALARY.

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